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**AGENDA**



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Item # 22 25

**Police  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**Subject:** Approve a resolution authorizing the application for renewal funding from the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority, in the amount of \$382,666 in grant funds for the Austin Police Department Auto Theft Interdiction Project.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$382,666 is available from the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority for the grant period September 1, 2006 – August 31, 2007. A cash match of 20% is required. Funding for the continued operation of their program is contingent upon available funding in the future budgets.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**Additional Backup Material**  
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 Resolution

**For More Information:** Assistant Chief Cathy Ellison/974-5033

**Prior Council Action:** April 28, 2005

This action authorizes the City to apply for \$382,666 in grant renewal funding from the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA), to continue the Auto Theft Interdiction Project within the Austin Police Department. The \$1.00-per-motor-vehicle fee paid each year by residents as they purchase car insurance generates funding for this grant program.

The grant application continues funding for two full-time equivalent civilian positions (2 civilian FTEs) and three full-time detective positions (3 sworn FTEs). The grant also funds overtime costs for auto theft crime analysis and part of the operating costs associated with the program.

An in-kind match is required and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. The in-kind match includes General Fund salaries and fringe benefit costs for six detectives, 50% of the Auto Theft sergeant's salary and fringe benefits, and 25% of the Crimes Against Persons III lieutenant's salary and fringe benefits; as well as sworn overtime for special operations and program operating costs. The total in-kind match for this program is \$ 419,111.

The goal of the Auto Theft Interdiction Project is to reduce the incidence of auto thefts in the City of Austin. Several strategies are employed to meet this goal including investigation, enforcement, prevention, education and prosecution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20060525-**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Austin to authorize the application for \$382,666 for grant renewal funding from the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority, for the Austin Police Department Auto Theft Interdiction Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has considered the proposed application for State grant renewal funds for said project in the amount of \$382,666 from the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority for the Austin Police Department Auto Theft Interdiction Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is committed to providing for the applicable matching funds as required; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council designates the Assistant City Manager for public safety as the authorized official who has the power to apply for, accept, reject, agree to alter or terminate this grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the Texas Department of Transportation funds, the City Council

assures that the funds will be returned to the Texas Department of Transportation in full; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City Council approves the application for grant renewal funding from the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority in the amount of \$382,666.

**ADOPTED:** May 25, 2006

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk